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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to sharply lower throughout the country. The market tone ranged steady at best to barely steady, trade sentiment was cautious. Retail demand was generally slow to no better than moderate, best for the occasional feature. Supplies were at least adequate to ample, usually fully adequate. Breaking stock supplies were more than adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was very limited. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6.5 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to 4 cents lower for mediums. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 9 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Prices paid to producers in New England were 2 cents lower for extra large, 3 cents lower for large, and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. The market tone was mixed from cautiously steady to barely steady. Demand was about fair as traders watched for further market adjustments. Supplies were usually adequate on brown eggs, but fully adequate to ample on white eggs. Breaking stock supplies were ample for the mostly light demand. Offerings of light type fowl were more than adequate for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was mostly fair, best where items were featured. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 4 cents lower for large, 3 cents lower for medium, and unchanged to 1 cent lower for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly cautiously steady to barely steady. Retail demand was slow to fair. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Most breakers assessing current needs and not purchasing any additional product. Supplies adequate to usually fully adequate. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail and food service demand moderate, and best where features are a factor. Offerings adequate, instances ample.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Retail demand was generally light to no better than fair entering the week. Supplies of all sizes were more than adequate for current needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 01, 1999, was 52.83 cents, 3.99 cents lower than the week before, and 26.99 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were more than adequate from regular sources and demand for additional eggs was light. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

WESTERN Prices in California 7 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest 4 cents lower on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	92-94	82-84	56-58
New York	54-56	51-54	34-37
Philadelphia	52-57	50-55	33-35.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	26-27
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	35-36
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	52-65	49-63	33-47
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	44-49	43-48	26-31
Detroit (2)	41-44	40-43	22-25
Major Ohio Cities (2)	42-48.5	41-47	23-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	45-52	43-50	26-33
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	59-61	57-59	39-41
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	79	71	57
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 7 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 37. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 89, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 59-129.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	99
EXTRA LARGE	79
LARGE	71
MEDIUM	57

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	235-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	179-209	LARGE	169-229
MEDIUM	159-205	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 08, 1999 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 01, 1999 were 252,757 cases which was 11 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	219,972	32,785	252,757

% change from the prior week.....	-11	-9	-11

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower. Checks and undergrades were unchanged. Most breakers were assessing current needs and not purchasing any additional product as regular commitments and company owned production satisfy needs. Supplies adequate to usually fully adequate. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	24-26	24-25
CHECKS	9-11	10

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged to sharply lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for a fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as being full. The undertone was no better than steady at prevailing values. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-17	7.75-14.5	10.86
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were at or near capacity. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	10-12	12.66

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Oct 04, 1999

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.4	8.3	4.7	9.0	8.5	37.9
	Change	-0.7	-1.9	0.0	0.6	-0.1	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.7	25.4	9.9	23.4	18.0	108.4
	Change	4.3	5.2	0.1	-0.8	0.3	9%
Large	Curr Wk	48.6	55.2	58.8	65.5	83.0	311.1
	Change	-4.0	4.1	4.1	-2.5	9.4	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.0	23.5	13.9	23.9	23.5	99.8
	Change	2.7	-3.4	-1.9	-1.2	-0.6	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	5.5	2.4	4.9	7.7	24.8
	Change	-1.4	-0.9	0.5	-2.0	-0.4	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	12.0	8.2	8.4	6.4	39.4
	Change	-4.8	-2.2	0.4	-3.0	-0.9	-21%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.0	79.3	19.0	20.5	51.7	208.5
	Change	4.9	3.9	4.5	-2.7	-1.7	4%
Total	Curr Wk	149.4	209.2	116.9	155.6	198.8	829.9
Percent	Change	1%	2%	7%	-7%	3%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	829.9	1%	164
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	477.0	-1%	38
Total Shell Egg	1306.9	0%	202

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 164 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/01/99

CURRENT LOADS	14.50	FUTURE LOADS	17.25	TOTAL LOADS	31.75
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CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	28.00	28.50	27.50	29.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25
GL W XL	—	—	—	35.00	32.00	—	3.50	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GL W MD	—	—	14.20	16.33	—	18.50	6.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	—	—	14.00	15.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	18.50	—	—	—	19.00	21.17	13.00								
NRBS - 45	14.50	—	—	—	18.50	18.33	3.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	14.50	16.50	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/27/99 - 10/01/99

CURRENT LOADS	99.75	FUTURE LOADS	55.00	TOTAL LOADS	154.75
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CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	30.75	28.38	30.00	32.80	30.00	29.00	16.00	GNR W 1	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	29.00	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	19.56	22.00	4.00	GNR W 3	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 4	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	71.50	66.38	67.50	—	—	6.00	GNR BR 1	—	71.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	34.00	37.50	36.68	31.14	—	15.50	GL W XL	32.55	37.00	—	—	—	38.97	14.75
GL W LG	—	—	34.50	36.20	32.25	—	8.25	GL W LG	28.33	33.00	—	—	—	36.64	8.25
GL W MD	—	—	15.44	17.43	18.75	20.31	15.00	GL W MD	20.50	—	—	—	—	26.33	3.50
GL W SM	15.00	17.00	15.20	17.00	—	19.00	8.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	27.00	28.00	.25
NRBS - 48	18.50	23.00	—	—	22.38	23.65	40.00	NRBS - 48	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 45	14.67	16.00	22.00	24.00	18.50	18.33	5.00	NRBS - 42	—	18.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 42	8.50	9.50	—	—	14.25	17.25	8.00	NRBS - 39	—	14.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	14.00	10.50	—	10.00	13.00	5.00								
NRBS - 36	—	12.50	9.00	—	—	—	1.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 9/19/99 - 9/25/99

Origin State	AZ	AR	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	90	1,620	-	1,700	1,535	-	349	-	3,423	-	-	8,717
C. CA	-	-	-	850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	576	-	1,426
S. CA	762	320	2,354	6,614	1,708	4,463	4,723	950	-	1,770	-	-	136	23,800
TTL STATE	762	320	2,444	9,084	1,708	6,163	6,258	950	349	1,770	3,423	576	136	33,943

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	71-74	60-63	37-40	8-11

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
49-52	40-46	38-43	20-25	13-17

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
24-26	8-10	4-6

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
59.66	43	32.42

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	9/27/99	9/20/99	9/28/98
PACIFIC COAST	42	42	14
LOS ANGELES	0	0	14

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR September 28, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland:	9/19/99-9/25/99
30-dozen cases	3,040

Receipts from the mainland:	9/12/99-9/18/99
30-dozen cases	3,083

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